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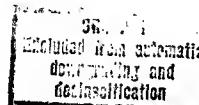
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Interview of Riding Page Connected with
Article in 11 June 1963 Issue of
Washington Post Newspaper

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The following facts are submitted in connection with the subject article:
 - a. The name of the riding page involved is R. J. Spitelle, employee of the United States Senate Post Office.
 - b. Mr. Spitelle stated that in attempting to deliver Senator Church's letter, he encountered the construction barricade in front of North Building and that it took him forty-five minutes to find his way through the Naval Hospital grounds to Central Building. At Central Building he asked the guard where Mr. McCone's office was located. The guard directed him to East Building. The guard at East Building told him that Mr. McCone was at Langley. Mr. Spitelle then asked the guard if he would accept the letter. The guard said that he could not. Mr. Spitelle then asked to use the telephone from which he called his supervisor in the Post Office. The supervisor said to return the letter to the Post Office.

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c. Mr. Spitelie stated that he was in the vicinity of Central - East Building not over fifteen minutes, and that he was treated well by the guards. The only problem he had encountered was the confusion created by the heavy construction in that area.

d. Mr. Spitelie called Senator Church's secretary when he returned to the Post Office to apprise her that he was unable to deliver the letter. She instructed him to deposit the letter in Senator Church's mail box from which it was taken by the Senator's secretary and mailed.

e. Mr. Spitelie further stated that he was amazed at the story that appeared in the Washington Post the following day. He related that it was at least fifty per cent inaccurate.

f. He did not know who released the story to the press.

3. In summarizing the incident, Mr. Spitelie apologized for any difficulty he may have caused this Agency.

4. As was previously mentioned in an early memorandum, the instructions to the guards have been amended to prevent a recurrence.

SIGNED

R. L. Bannerman
Deputy Director of Security

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